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OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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Chairman Kevin Martin 445 12th Street SW Room #8B-201 Washington, DC 20544

Mr. Chairman:

It is my understanding that there is a proposal under review by the FCC which would provide fast, free, wireless broadband internet access to all Americans. This proposal, if implemented, will provide those entrepreneurs and small business owners with increased access and resources needed to expand, to be innovative and to compete in the business world.

Not only will the free broadband internet access allow these companies to run their businesses efficiently on a day-to-day basis, but they will be able to take advantage of online marketing opportunities and to participate more fully in e-commerce.

These entrepreneurs and small businesses are a vital part of the American economy and should see the same opportunity to participate in the information economy and in civic affairs as their larger counterparts. Please support the proposal for fast, free, wireless broadband internet access across America.

Sincerely,

James L. Watson Councilman

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